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Jaworski and House Heading For Korea Probe Showdown

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House special counsel Leon Jaworski is heading for a showdown with Congress over the continuation of the investigation into South Korean influence-buying on Capitol Hill.

Jaworski wants the House to adopt a strong resolution supporting his position that the South Koreans must make available a key witness to congressional investigators.

Jaworski asked the House Committee on Standards of Official Conduct to hold a special meeting late today to consider such a resolution in the wake of the House's refusal last week to vote for economic sanctions against South Korea.

The former Watergate special prosecutor was unhappy about the House's 254-146 vote to reject an amendment to its congressional budget that would have cut out \$56 million in Food for Peace funds for South Korea.

THIS VOTE WAS taken just after Jaworski held a Capitol Hill press conference to announce that after months of negotiation, South Korean President Park Chung Hee still was refusing to yield the key witness for questioning.

The witness is Kim Dong Jo, former ambassador in Washington, who allegedly gave envelopes containing \$100 bills to at least 24 congressmen. South Korea is claiming diplomatic immunity for Kim, but Jaworski insists he could voluntarily supply the information investigators want.

Jaworski was surprised by the House vote, which reflected an atmosphere in Congress of lessened pressure about the South Korean case. But Jaworski aides say the special counsel knows he might have done more to make known how important the amendment last week was to him.

Congressional investigators say they fear that the House action last week will be read by the South Koreans as a sign Congress is not serious about clearing the air about the Korean scandal.

The budget amendment was supported by eight of the 12 members of the committee, but three members voted against it, including Chairman John J. Flynt Jr., D-Ga.

AIDES SAID THAT the committee meeting set for 6 p.m. would be a test of Flynt's intentions. And

Jaworski's position was viewed as forcing House Speaker Thomas P. O'Neill Jr. to keep his commitment to assist Jaworski when needed.

Several other congressional actions have tended to erode economic leverage that Jaworski hoped Congress would use to get the cooperation of Kim, the final witness he is seeking from Korea.

Both the House International Relations and Armed Services committees have voted favorably on Korean aid questions linked to withdrawal of U.S. troops from that country, and in the Senate a \$732 million Export-Import Bank loan to South Korea to finance purchase of a nuclear reactor has advanced.

"When the facts are laid before the House in a better way than they were last Wednesday, the House will want to support Mr. Jaworski on Kim Dong Jo," a Jaworski aide said.

The aide said that although the former ambassador "does not have as high a profile as Tongsun Park," he is as important to complete the investigation.

Without Kim, investigators said, congressmen will not be able to tell their constituents that the congressional investigation of Korean influence buying was completed.

"SO, WE'RE NOT ready to give up on Kim Dong Jo by a long shot," the Jaworski aide said.

Others saw today's meeting as a test of wills between Flynt and Jaworski over what should be done to finish the probe.

There have been increasing reports that the two men have not been on the best of terms, although neither would acknowledge it.

In the meantime, more than a year and a half after the investigation was started, the committee has not taken action against anyone in the probe, nor has it called as public witnesses any of the 14 current members of Congress or 17 former members mentioned in public testimony by Tongsun Park as having received what he termed contributions.

The only public testimony on the subject by a present or former member was by former Rep. Richard T. Hanna, D-Calif., who is serving a jail sentence after having pleaded guilty to a conspiracy involving Tongsun Park.